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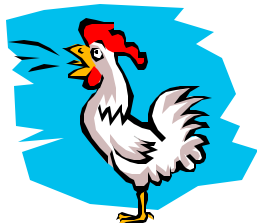
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was mostly steady with caution noted. Demand was irregular with the East having light movement due to continued harsh winter weather. Supplies availability was not affected much in the Midwest and West, but in the East, buyers found it difficult to secure product because of numerous plant closings or curtailed production schedules. In the parts structure, breast items were in the best position, while wings remained weak. Supplies were generally adequate to ample. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy and increasing in the East.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remained unchanged at 58.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 62.50 cents last year on the 27th of January, 1999.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
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BREASTS - B/S	140.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	75.00
LEG QUARTERS	20.00
WINGS	74.00

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 01/22/00	2000	1999	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	181,651	175,708	+03
CHICKS PLACED	145,208	142,888	+02

Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 182 million eggs during the week ending January 22, 2000. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 145 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 22, 2000. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through January 22, 2000, were 434 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 4-Mar-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 153.3 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 152.7 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 151.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 151.3 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.43 CENTS PER POUND.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was about steady. Offerings were easily adequate for the only fair buyers' interest. Continued inclement weather conditions on the east coast had little effect on product destined for the west coast. Demand by stores ranged light to fairly good, best where featured, restaurants moderate overall, best by fast food. Floor stocks were in fair balance. The market tone was about steady on parts with wings in the weakest position.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to fair but increased in areas where winter weather effects forced consumers to purchase at retail and fast food outlets or restaurants. Supplies were usually sufficient except where transportation and shipping problems were present. Processing schedules were full-time to reduced with some plants running Saturday if weather permits. In the parts structure, breast items were balanced to closely cleared with good interest. Wings were readily available and slowly moving, and dark meat items were adequate and moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights ranging desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was at least steady. Additional whole bird and wog offerings were light for the mostly nonaggressive trade interest. All areas, except in Ohio, reported little or no effects on availability of product from regular sources as contrasted by the situation on the East Coast. In Ohio, buyers that had to reach out to acquire additional product were seeing premiums being asked on product. Retail and food service movement was typical for the season, light to fair at best. Floor stocks were balanced to ample with sizes in a desirable range to instances heavier than desired. Parts trading was moderate for the generally balanced supplies. Trade sentiment was fully steady, instances firm on breast items, barely steady to weak on wings and steady on the balance.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was practically halted as a snowstorm struck the area. Offerings were very light as most plants were forced to close. Retail and distributive movement was slow as well due to the weather. The market tone was cautious. The parts market was also experiencing weather-related problems.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was again restricted as plants closed or sharply curtailed operations due to harsh weather conditions in production and shipping channels. Live supplies were moderate to heavy; weights were increasing and were generally heavier than desired. Processing schedules were extremely light with some plants limiting operations to receipts held over from yesterday and a few others committing to night shifts only. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 45 to 57 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady, but cautious.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE
WEIGHTED AVERAGE
NO. OF BOXES

0

*1 of 8 plants reporting.

JANUARY 25, 2000

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JANUARY 26, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE		
BREAST - B/S	252	130.00-189.00	130-135	148.21
TENDERLOINS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
BREAST - LINE RUN	166	67.00-70.00	-	68.92
FRONT HALVES	80	49.00-50.50	-	49.75
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	506	16.50-20.00	17.50-20	19.27
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	464	18.00-21.00	18-20	19.40
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
WINGS (CUT)	352	81.00-89.00	81-83	83.80
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	50	73.00-76.00	-	75.40

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR JANUARY 25, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK. (CORRECTION)

RANGE	TODAY'S		5-DAY AVERAGE FOR JAN 24, 00
	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	
32.75 - 35.25	34.51		32.65

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE		
BREAST - B/S	371	129.00-189.00	130-135	147.76
TENDERLOINS	58	115.00-170.00	-	132.07
BREAST - LINE RUN	122	67.00-74.00	-	73.43
FRONT HALVES	78	49.00-50.50	-	49.15
LEGS	47	27.00-34.00	27-28	28.04
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	408	15.50-20.00	16-18	16.25
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,200	17.50-22.00	18-20	19.82
WINGS (WHOLE)	108	66.00-70.00	66-68	68.50
WINGS (CUT)	542	78.50-88.00	81-83	83.07
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	50	73.00-76.00	-	75.40

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR JANUARY 26, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S		5-DAY AVERAGE
	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	
32.25 - 35.25	32.70		33.13

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity continued very light as the effects of a winter storm lingered in the Northeast. Supplies were usually tight as most plants were closed or planned reduced schedules today. Retail and distributive movement was very slow. The market tone was unsettled.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

JANUARY 25, 2000

JANUARY 26, 2000

	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140	NO ACTIVITY REPORTED.	
TENDERLOINS	115	Trading was disrupted	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	in both shipping and	
BREAST - LINE RUN	65	receiving channels by	
LEGS	26-27	heavy snow, ice, high	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	winds and freezing	
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	temperatures.	
THIGHS	21-22		
B/S THIGHS	70-71		
WINGS (WHOLE)	72-73		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60		

	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140		
TENDERLOINS	115	DUE TO CONTINUING	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	DISRUPTIONS IN THE	
BREAST - LINE RUN	65	MARKET CAUSED BY	
LEGS	26-27	HEAVY SNOW, ICE	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	HIGH WINDS AND	
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	FREEZING TEMPER-	
THIGHS	21-22	ATURES ACTIVITY WAS	
B/S THIGHS	70-71	INSUFFICIENT TO	
WINGS (WHOLE)	72-73	REPORT WITHOUT	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	DISCLOSING INDIVID-	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	UAL OPERATIONS	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60		

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		AVG WTS	
	01/26	01/25	01/24	01/21	01/24	01/21	01/19	01/17
ALA	3,935	3,930	3,833	3,773	5.05	4.95	3,905	4.75
ARK	5,155	5,207	5,059	4,779	4.93	4.97	5,179	4.96
DELMARVA	624	0	2,408	3,700	5.27	5.28	2,181	5.29
KY-LA-TN	1,922	2,064	2,097	1,954	4.48	4.20	2,066	4.43
MISS	2,651	2,220	2,738	2,609	5.14	5.03	2,725	4.48
NC	863	1,014	1,900	3,716	5.90	6.01	2,518	5.91
TEXAS	2,041	2,226	2,209	2,434	4.83	4.63	2,241	4.78
TOTAL	17,191	16,661	20,244	22,965	5.05	5.09	20,815	4.92
MON-WED	53,502 (A)						55,206 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-Jan 00 is estimated to be 25,720,000 down 17.66 percent from a week ago and down 12.1 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 31,235,000; last year 29,262,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

<u>DELIVERED TO RETAILERS</u>	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH FRYERS	77-81
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	79-88
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	299-309
RABBITS-CUT UP	316-326

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	92-97
	DRY PACK	104
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-107
	DRY PACK	112
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91
	DRY PACK	98
DUCKS		149-162

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING JAN -26-00

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/29/00(1)	01/22/00
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	148,606(2)	147,587
LT HENS	2,057	2,009
HVY HENS	1,259	1,284
CHECK TOTAL	151,922	150,880

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 29-Jan-00 is 151.7 million head compared to 151.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 150.4 million head or 1.3 million less than estimated available. For week of 05-Feb-00 the estimated available is 152.4 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 24-Jan-00	84,278	77,236
AM 1-Jan-00	65,047	75,162
CHG	19,231	2,074
PCT CHG	30	3

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	01/24/00	01/17/00	01/25/99	01/24/00	01/17/00	01/25/99
PACIFIC						
COAST	3,085	6,281	15,239	12,586	12,150	7,140
LOS						
ANGELES	149	163	219	3,218	3,079	486

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 01/25/00

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	.25	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	.75	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	.70	-	ROOSTERS ea.	3.00	4.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	-	.70	-	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	1.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	1.20	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-				

TOTAL COOPS 9

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2000

	RANGE
HENS	
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	60-63
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-66

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending January 21, 2000

	Whole	Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/	
	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards Hens
RAYON					
Low	64.91	120.20	76.93	24.04	5.77 43.27
High	67.31	144.24	86.55	28.85	7.21 43.27
Mostly	66.35	134.63	86.55	28.85	7.21 43.27
SAN JUAN					
Low	64.91	125.01	76.93	19.23	5.77 51.93
High	67.31	134.63	86.55	28.85	7.21 51.93
Mostly	64.91	134.63	76.93	24.04	5.77 51.93
NEW SAN JUAN					
Low	64.91	125.01	76.93	19.23	5.77 43.27
High	67.31	134.63	86.55	24.04	7.21 43.27
Mostly	65.87	134.63	81.74	24.04	5.77 43.27
BECERRA					
Low	66.35	134.63	76.93	24.04	5.77 48.08
High	67.31	144.24	86.55	28.85	7.21 48.08
Mostly	66.35	134.63	86.55	28.85	7.21 48.08

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